

WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

November 11, 2009

In Attendance:

Sergeant Nate Clarke; Wisconsin State Patrol
Specialist Steven Kraus; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Larry LaFavor; Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator
Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz; DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety
Stacey Pierce; Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering Representative
Sergeant Brian Ripplinger; City of Pewaukee Police Department Representative
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor at 2:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, of the City of Brookfield Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes; and Sergeant Brian Ripplinger, of the City of Pewaukee Police Department, seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz stated that there were 47 fewer fatalities than last year. Last month, 54 people died in 52 Wisconsin traffic crashes, which made it the second safest month of September in terms of traffic deaths since World War II.

State Assembly unanimously passed a bill that sets tougher standards for repeat offenders, imposes stiffer penalties, and expands treatment programs. The bill also makes a first OWI-related offense a criminal offense if a child younger than 16 years-of-age is present in the vehicle at the time of the offense. It also requires the installation of ignition interlock devices (IIDs) for all repeat drunk drivers and for first offense drunk drivers with an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more. Fourth OWI-related offenses would become a felony instead of a misdemeanor if that fourth offense occurs within five years of a prior OWI-related offense. Minimum terms of imprisonment would be established for fourth offense felony and fifth and subsequent OWI-related offenses.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ One fatality from the City of Pewaukee, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 10-03-09

Location: Southbound Meadowbrook Road at Knollwood Road

A 39-year-old male motorcycle driver was the fatality in this crash due to excessive speed after he failed to negotiate a curve on Knollwood Road, went airborne, and lost control of his motorcycle, eventually hitting a tree. The subject was not wearing a helmet. The subject was flown to Froedtert Hospital. Alcohol was believed to have been a factor.

➡ Chairman Larry LaFavor reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had one fatality, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 09-24-09

Location: Westbound I-94 at Sunnyslope Road

A 2003 Honda Element lost control and drove off the paved surface of the road. It continued on the gravel shoulder and then on the grassy area adjacent to the roadway and struck one tree. It then went airborne, struck an overpass support pillar head-on, and came to rest between two support pillars. The 56 year-old male driver was the only occupant of the vehicle. The male driver had a medical emergency while traveling home from work and ultimately died from severe heart disease. His injuries from the accident were minor.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz, of the Department Of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Specialist Steven Kraus, of the City of Waukesha Police Department. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department